

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7553
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
SHIP CHANNEL IN COCHIN PORT
GEORGE EDEN

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for deepening of Ship-channel for the entry of big ships in the Cochin Port;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) :Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to deepen the channel from the present depth of 12.8 metres to 13.8 metres during the 9th Plan Period for which a provision of Rs.50.00 crores has been made in the 9th Plan outlay. An outlay of Rs.5.00 crores has been provided in the Annual Plan 2000-2001 for the proposal.

(c)Does not arise.